



## STIRLING UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of a SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 3pm in the Meeting Room.

**Chair:** Will Mackenzie - Vice President (Services & Treasurer)

### 1. Attendance

#### 1.1 Members Present

David Fletcher	-	President
Will Mackenzie	-	Vice President (Services & Treasurer)
Matt Johnston	-	Ents Officer
Mark Cullen	-	Brig Editor
Steven Quinn	-	AirTV Station Manager
Ally McCrae	-	Air3 Station Manager
Sean O'Hara	-	Ethics & Environment Officer

#### 1.2 In Attendance

Janice Scullion	-	Robbins Venues Manager
Wendy Forbes	-	Membership Services Secretary

#### 1.3 Observers

#### 1.4 Apologies

#### 1.5 Absent without Apologies

Catriona Barr	-	Publicity Officer
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### 2. Matters arising from Previous Minutes

### 3. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings

3.1 Services Minutes: 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007 (previously circulated) PASSED

### 4. Notice of adoption of any other Competent Business

4.1 Live Music: added as Agenda Item 9.3

4.2 Keys: added as Agenda Item 9.4

4.3 Alter Ego: added as Agenda Item 9.5

### 5. Challenges to the Order of The Paper

5.1 9.5 to be taken after 9.1

5.2 9.4 to be taken after 9.5

### 6. Resignations & Elections

### 7. Dates to Note

7.1 11<sup>th</sup> October - Rock Society Horror Movie Night

7.2 15<sup>th</sup> October - Brig

## 8. Reports

### 8.1 Vice President (Services & Treasurer) Report

8.1.1 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Explained he had spent a lot of services related time planning Freshers Week, Full Time and most other events. Have been learning how to design and make posters/advertising. Concentrating on working to achieve and surpass last years NUS Extra sales with the help of Membership Services Manager in particular.

### 8.2 Publicity Officer Report

8.2.1 Noted: Publicity Officer not present at meeting.

### 8.3 Air3 Station Manager Report

8.3.1 Air3 Station Manager: Highlighted work undertaken on the Studio over the summer, it is looking really good and Air3 is now Broadcasting. The web stream is also working, which is crucial. The Committee are all working well together, socialising and enjoying Air3.

### 8.4 AirTV Station Manager Report

8.4.1 AirTV Station Manager: Advised on new slogan "Experience That Counts". The organisation and co-ordination in the office has improved since the whiteboard has been installed. Had a show every day during Freshers Week and 2 full broadcasts since. AirTV is covering weekly sporting events, for the first time ever.

### 8.5 Brig Editor Report

8.5.1 Brig Editor: Reported on the Freshers Edition of Brig which was published on time, made a good profit and we have had excellent feedback. The October Edition is at the proofing stage and should be published next week. The Editor feels that Brig has really moved forward in the last year or two. It has been making good money from advertising, also membership has almost doubled since last year and the weekly meetings are better attended.

### 8.6 Ethics & Environment Officer Report

8.6.1 Ethics & Environment Officer: Explained that he has been working on a few projects including Eco Uni, which was started in Sheffield University and hoping to affiliate with Scottish Universities. Currently trying to set up a meeting with Cathy Broadfoot, which is proving extremely difficult, regarding issues in residential services including recycling in halls, bottle banks, etc. Would like to have a stall in the Atrium on a regular basis to highlight the many environmental issues.

### 8.7 Ents Officer Report

8.7.1 Ents Officer: Explained he was involved in Freshers Week. Live Music Night was not as good as he expected. Has had a lot of students querying why we can't put on the same acts as QMU - they don't understand Finance.

## 8.8 Freshers Report

8.8.1 Robbins Venues Manager: Highlighted key nights during Freshers Week including 1<sup>st</sup> weekend which was a sellout; Live Music Night on Monday not as popular as would have hoped; Comedy Night on Tuesday was a sellout; the Foam Party on Wednesday was a huge success; Rock Night on Thursday and Alter Ego on Friday went well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves; Saturday Sports Union Night was quieter than we hoped it would be; Sunday Nights are doing as well as they always did. We are finding that 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Years are going home at weekends, usually from a Friday afternoon to a Sunday evening.

8.8.2 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Thanked everyone for their help during Freshers Week. The contribution of everyone was unbelievable. Making up the Freshers Bags on Friday was a great team effort. We got seriously lucky with the Foam Party as it was originally booked for Saturday until we heard that The Beat were having one on Friday, therefore we changed ours to Wednesday - it was an excellent night.

## 8.9 NUS Extra

8.9.1 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Reported that sales of NUS Extra cards have been going well - over 300 cards sold. It has brought in some money and the marketing has been good. All in all, very productive.

## 9. Discussion & Decision Topics

### 9.1 Freshers/Re-Freshers

9.1.1 Brig Editor: There are loads of rumours going about that most of the bars in town, with the exception of Fubar, are not doing too well. Stirling has so many bars/clubs that everyone is suffering. The question is - Do we shut down Glow? If we do that means The Beat and Dusk will up the ante. It may be a good idea if we could get a team together to remove all competitors' posters, flyers, etc.

9.1.2 Robbins Venues Manager: Explains that it is unfair that the competition can promote their venue in our backyard, but we cannot do the same.

9.1.3 Brig Editor: Doesn't think that the Glow deal is working. We need to stop looking at Sports Union as the be all and end all, there is too much focus on Sports Union. Should we shut down Saturday night?

9.1.4 Robbins Venue Manager: That's not for discussion today.

9.1.5 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Explains that there are 6 or 7 sports teams that regularly go out.

9.1.6 Robbins Venues Manager: Explains that looking at the tally sheets, the Sports Teams have still been attending Glow, but the Glow regulars have not.

9.1.7 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Explained that there are approximately 300 core Sports Union people attend Glow, but we need the regulars back. There doesn't seem to be any loyalty.

9.1.8 Air3 Station Manager: Thinks that most people see Saturday as Sports night. If they are not involved with a Sports Club they don't think they will come.

- 9.1.9 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Asks if anyone has any negatives about Freshers Week?
- 9.1.10 Ents Officer: Highlights the organisation of the Live Music Night could have been better. Most people didn't know what time each band was on, if the Long Bar was going to be open, etc.

## 9.5 Alter Ego

- 9.5.1 Air3 Station Manager: Explained that Alter Ego started 3 or 4 years ago and has been very successful, with approximately 300/350 core people. Station Manager spend a lot of time on radio station during Freshers Week and not as much time on Alter Ego as he should have, and he realises now that he was naive. Due to the drop in numbers Alter Ego only has the Long Bar now. Relaunching Alter Ego as being like a radio show in a club. Will be happy to keep it in Long Bar but if number pick up, hopefully get the Cocktail Bar as well.

## 9.4 Keys

- 9.4.1 AirTV Station Manager: Highlighted situation at the moment is AirTV member has to obtain key for AirTV cupboard from someone in SUSA Office. There have been occasions when someone has gone to get the key and no-one is in the SUSA Office. This is not beneficial to AirTV. There are also people having to take pieces of equipment home. The ideal situation would be for either the Station Manager to have a key and retain responsibility for equipment, or for Duty Manager to have a key.
- 9.4.2 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Agreed to discuss the matter with Membership Services Manager.
- 9.4.3 President: Noted that over the summer the cupboard had been left open. Obviously, this would have to be addressed. Better planning is required for people coming to get the key.
- 9.4.4 AirTV Station Manager: Would like it noted that he is willing to take responsibility for the key/equipment. However, there are thousands of pounds of equipment not locked away that SUSA doesn't seem to have a problem about.
- 9.4.5 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Expects the status quo to remain. Explained that he would be willing to get the key for the cupboard out of hours if necessary.

## 9.2 Film Nights

- 9.2.1 Ents Officer: Noted that with Filmbank you can pay £75 per year for licence if you don't charge to watch film, or £75 per film if you do charge.
- 9.2.2 Robbins Venues Manager: Explained that we used to use Filmbank before the £75 per year licence came into force. Good idea.

## 9.3 Live Music

- 9.3.1 Ents Officer: Live Music Night did not go as well as he hoped. Would it be worth going for 1 more Live Music Night in Re-Freshers?
- 9.3.2 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Agreed that it would be beneficial to have Live Music during Re-Freshers.
- 9.3.3 Air3 Station Manager: Is it possible to spend a little bit more to get a bigger name?

- 9.3.4 Ents Officer: Is it possible to do an Air3 Sponsored Live Night?
- 9.3.5 Robbins Venues Manager: Agrees that these are points to think about, and would have to look at the Finances. Would be interested to know how much the students would be prepared to pay for a slightly known band!
- 9.3.6 Vice President (Services & Treasurer): Explained that he put up loads of publicity, but only 120 people turned up. However, we will have another chance during Re-Freshers.
- 9.3.7 AirTV Station Manager: Would like to reinforce that AirTV will advertise any promo in the Union.

*Will Mackenzie  
Vice President (Services & Treasurer)*

*12<sup>th</sup> October 2007*